

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 22, 2002**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug DeSanti, Patricia Ellis, Dr. Charles Finch, Barbara Glickman-Williams, Bob Lashua, Dr. Kay Lewis, Jerry Stein, and Bill White

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dr. John Gallagher, Marilyn Price, and Donald Uhles

GUESTS: Barbara Aehlert, Dr. Toni Brophy, Bob Costello, Paula Davis, Holly Gibeaut, John Jarred, Ken Johnsson, Ray Klein, Jim Roeder, Bert Thomas, Roberto Torres, Mark Venuti, and Linda Worthy

BEMS STAFF: Dr. Judi Crume, Victor Dominguez, Lorenzo Henry, Larry Lorenzen, Mike Nervik, Susan Nicolas, Howard Schwartz, Woody Smith, and Dr. Michel Sucher

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Education Committee was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Dr. Kay Lewis. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and APPROVE AGENDA

A motion was made by Patricia Ellis and seconded by Doug DeSanti to approve the Agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

III. DISCUSS/AMEND and APPROVE MINUTES

One correction to the Minutes from September 28, 2001: In the "Members Present" column, change Charles Finch, MD to Charles Finch, DO. Doug DeSanti motioned with a second from Chief Bill White to accept the Minutes with the one correction. Motion carried.

IV. DHS REPORT/INFORMATION

Victor Dominguez introduced Mike Nervik, the new EMS Regional Coordinator in the Bureau's Southeastern Region office and Susan Nicolas introduced Woody Smith, the new EMS Regional Coordinator in the Bureau's Western Region office. Victor then spoke of a meeting of the "National Council of State EMS Coordinators" that he attended. There were 31 states and one territory represented. Victor gave highlights of the meeting and a discussion ensued. Victor then told the Committee that there has been quite a few "felons" applying for EMT-Basic training and this issue was discussed. Holly Gibeaut, Assistant Attorney General, brought out that if the "felons" have served their time and paid their debt to society, they are entitled to apply under the "Exception for Good Cause" rule. If they meet all the qualifications of that rule, then normally the Bureau allows them to proceed with the training and certification process. A discussion ensued on the subject.

Dr. Crume announced that Garth Gemar, M.D., resigned from the Bureau's Medical Director position and Michel Sucher, M.D., has been appointed as Acting Medical Director for the Bureau. She also spoke of a shortage of Lasix (furosemide) in the State

that caused Dr. Catherine Eden, Director of the Arizona Department of Health Services (“Department”), to issue a directive allowing the use of bumetanide as a substitute for furosemide if there is no furosemide available. Dr. Crume asked everyone at the meeting to refer to the Bureau’s Web site for updates and changes.

Victor announced that the Bureau has just completed the process of adopting a new ALS Refresher Course that will be the same for paramedics and intermediates and also a transition course for the current intermediates to become new intermediates and they will be mailed out soon. The Bureau is encouraging the current intermediates to go to the new level.

V. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Dr. Lewis spoke about the recently resurrected EMS Council Executive Committee and Dr. Crume continued the presentation explaining why the Executive Committee was brought back and how they will be used in the future.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Tucson EMT-Basic Refresher Training

Bert Thomas from the Tucson Fire Department Training Division asked the Committee to drop this item from the Agenda until a possible future date. The Committee complied.

B. Curriculum for the Use of Nasal Narcan

This item was tabled until the next meeting because Dr. Gallagher was not present at this meeting.

C. Instructional Strategies Course

Dr. Lewis presented this item and said that it was decided that the procedures given out in the meeting packet should only be used as guidelines. A discussion ensued. No action by the Committee was required. The Instructional Strategies Course guidelines will be placed on the Web site and Dr. Crume will send a letter to the training programs.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Open Meeting Law Presentation

Holly Gibeaut gave the presentation and referred to the handout titled “BEMS Statutory Committees – An Overview of the Open Meeting Law.” She said that the Bureau committees are doing a good job of following the State’s Open Meeting Laws.

B. Curriculum for EMT-Basics to Carry and Administer ASA

After a discussion by the Committee on this issue, Dr. Finch motioned, seconded by Jerry Stein, to accept the drug profile for ASA as the guideline for the initial providers and EMT-Basic refresher courses so that EMT-Basics be allowed, pending their agency approval, to give aspirin to individuals with chest pain. Motion carried. To go to EMSC then to the Bureau for Rules Analyst follow-up.

C. AED for Children

Dr. Lewis stated that we do not have a curriculum for this item. This item tabled until Dr. Gallagher feels it should be reinstated.

D. Hazmat Medic Curriculum Compared with New Paramedic Curriculum

Dr. Lewis introduced this item and Dr. Brophy continued with the presentation. A discussion ensued after which a motion by Patricia Ellis, seconded by Dr. Finch, to accept that the paramedic who finishes the new paramedic curriculum will have the course equivalency of Version 7 of the Advanced Toxicology Curriculum by meeting or exceeding the competencies of the Hazmat Medic Curriculum and need not take another Hazmat course unless deemed necessary by the Paramedic Medical Director. Motion carried – to EMS Council as an action item.

E. Status of “Administration of Medications by ALS Candidates”

Dr. Lewis explained that back when Dr. Brophy was the Bureau Medical Director, she requested this item to be on the Agenda. The Committee looked at the handout titled “ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATIONS IN ADDITION TO THOSE PRESCRIBED FOR PRE-HOSPITAL CARE by ALS Candidates and ALS Certified Personnel.” Barbara Aehlert, R.N., requested additional categories added to the list on page 4 titled “Medications Approved for Clinical Administration.” A discussion ensued after which Barbara Glickman-Williams, R.N., said that she felt that there shouldn’t be any list of medications and that it should be up to the Medical Director of the training program what medications can be used. Dr. Brophy agreed. Another discussion ensued followed by a motion by Barbara Glickman-Williams, seconded by Bill White, that ALS candidates be allowed to administer medications under the supervision of the hospital preceptor during clinical rotations as determined by the training program Medical Director.

Motion carried – to EMS Council and MDC as an action item.

F. Status of Rules Change (August 1999) Competency Based BLS Training vs. Hours

The issue of this item is that it is felt BLS training should be based on competency of the students and not how many hours are spent on each section of the courses by the students. After a discussion took place on this item, Barbara Glickman-Williams motioned with a second by Bill White that initial BLS training as well as refresher training be competency based and there will be no minimum hour requirement per module as long as the objectives and competencies are satisfied. Motion carried – to EMS Council as an action item.

G. Revisions to RSI/MAI Pilot Project Curriculum

Dr. Lewis explained that Dr. Gallagher would like the statement in the RSI/MAI Pilot Project Curriculum that states that paramedics had to be in the field for a minimum of two years before they can participate in the pilot project to be deleted.

Patricia Ellis motioned, seconded by Dr. Finch, to remove any time restrictions to the certification level of a paramedic functioning in this pilot program. Motion carried. It was asked that since this is a pilot project, could the Committee change anything without causing data problems. Dr. Crume responded that the Bureau would look into this. This item is to go back to EMSC and also MDC as information only.

H. Dopamine, Lidocaine and Epinephrine Infusions for EMT-I

Dr. Lewis stated that the question here is, do you support the EMT-Is being taught the preparation, administration and transportation of the three medications Dopamine, Lidocaine and Epinephrine? Doug DeSanti motioned to table this item until such time that the Committee decides it is important or becomes priority and Barbara Glickman-Williams seconded. Motion carried.

I. Transcutaneous Pacing for EMT-I

Since this is already included in the transition program for the EMT-Is, Jerry Stein motioned, with a second by Doug DeSanti, to table this item. Motion carried.

J. Equipment List for EMT-B and EMT-ALS Training Programs

Patricia Ellis motioned, seconded by Doug DeSanti, to accept the ALS list. Motion carried. Next the Committee looked at any changes, deletions or additions to the list. Discussion ensued. There was a motion by Bill White, which was seconded by Dr. Finch, to accept the list as presented. Motion failed. A lengthy discussion then ensued. Bill White motioned with a second by Jerry Stein to have one or more volunteers from the Committee work with the Bureau to establish minimum standards for the various equipment lists for the programs. Motion carried. Dr. Lewis requested volunteers from both the Committee and the audience. Bill White, Jerry Stein, Michael Nervik from the Bureau and Howard Schwartz from the Bureau volunteered to work on this. This item is to be placed on the next meeting's Agenda. The Bureau will set up a date for the volunteers to meet and notify them of the meeting.

K. Amiodarone – ALS Transport

Barbara Glickman-Williams motioned with a second by Doug DeSanti that the Committee support the drug profile as part of the curriculum for ALS transport for EMT-Is and Ps. Motion carried.

L. 45-day Rule

Dr. Crume stated that this item is part of the new Rules packet, therefore, no action is needed by the Committee.

M. Challenge Courses EMT-B

This item is also part of the new Rules packet, therefore, no action is needed by the Committee.

N. Training Program Application/Documentation

A motion by Bill White, seconded by Doug DeSanti, stating that if an EMS training program is repeating an already approved course, it is not necessary to do the day-by-day, hour-by-hour documentation for each course. Motion carried. To go to EMSC for final acceptance or denial then to the Bureau to be added to the Rules package.

O. ALS Refresher Courses – Report from Executive Committee

Dr. Lewis announced that the ALS Refresher Course and also the Intermediate Transition Course packets were finalized by the EMSC Executive Committee and are now available to the Committee members, for information only. No action by the Committee needed.

VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Barbara Aehlert requested a clarification of the perception by the Bureau that there must be hour-for-hour documentation for anatomy and physiology when embedded in the paramedic curriculum.

IX. MEMBERS' EDUCATIONAL and INFORMATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

None to report.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Education Committee is scheduled for May 17, 2002, at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Items that were forwarded to May 17th meeting:

1. Clarification of the Perception by the Bureau that there must be Hour-for-Hour Documentation for Anatomy and Physiology when Embedded in the Paramedic Curriculum
2. Status of EMT-Basic Challenge Courses – Where it is in the Rules Package?
3. Training Program Application/Documentation
4. Status of the Entire Rules Package as far as the Priorities
5. Training Program Equipment Inventory Lists

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Patricia Ellis motioned for adjournment, Jerry Stein seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Approved by Education Committee on 5/17/02